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Sent: 6/25/2021 3:45:31 PM
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Subject: RE: REVIEW: PRESS INQUIRY: FOR HED AND AD: Follow up on press inquiry response re: pesticide regulation; DDL: 10:00 a.m. Wednesday

Hi Rhina,

See below in red for responses to Rick's questions.

Thanks,
Melissa

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
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Importance: High

Hi All,

Getting to the finish line with this one! We just got feedback from Rick on the responses. Hopefully we can quickly confirm these points. I know Anita shared a table with the stats, should I just send that over to Rick? Yes, I think that it is fine to share the table with Rick. You can let him know that those are the values from our FY19 Pesticide Reregistration Performance Measures and Goals Annual Progress Report which has not yet been published but is routing for review now. Just reconfirming these numbers are correct.

For the response to question 1:

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For the response to question 2:

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For reference, here are our responses as they currently stand:

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Further details can be found in the [DER](#) for the acetaminophen DNT study as noted previously.

Background:

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Hi Rhina,

From our original response:

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HASPOC recommended to waive the study, but then the registrant decided after the HASPOC decision to still conduct the study.

Thanks,
Monique

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Hi Monique,

Thanks! Mike sent another line of feedback:

Sorry but still find #3 a bit confusing.

Understand registrants still conduct studies for various reasons even if waived but it is unclear why the HASPOC made a decision to waive the subchronic inhal study if it was already submitted and considered along with the PK study to make that decision.

Here is the latest we have as the response for #3. Let me know if there are any details or context we can provide to make the response more clear.

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Hi Rhina,

You might want to provide Mike with the original responses again. If you read these follow-up responses in context with the original responses, I think his concerns are addressed.

For question #3,

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For question #4, the DER is publicly available so we provided a link to the DER in the original response. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Let us know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,  
Monique

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Hi All,

Just got feedback from Mike and he has the following asks:

Question on #3 – Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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For #4 – part of the question is - If EPA believed his analysis to be incorrect, why wasn't there anything in the file correcting it?

We reference a DER and provide a detailed explanation from it. Can we cite the DER? Don't know if it was ever in the docket – probably not – but if we had a DER, then it was in the internal “file.”

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Tim, AD is working on a response.

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Rhina,

Good morning. I do not know the answer to this question. Do you know who wrote the initial response?

Tim

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Good Morning,

We just received a follow-up question to the follow-up questions for this inquiry. I figure this one is probably a straightforward answer. Thank you so much!

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My question is: how many are still awaiting review? i.e. 8,846 have been completed out of how many overall?

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Rhina/Carissa,

Below are the responses that HED has drafted for the remaining follow-up questions. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Monique

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Hi All,

Thank you, Tim! Looks like we just have the following two responses left. I just need confirmation that we can move forward with the first response and help with a response to the question on statistical analysis. We are still hoping to meet the 10:00 AM deadline.

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Thank you Don. I don't have any comments/edits.

Tim

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**From:** Wilbur, Donald <Wilbur.Donald@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2021 8:00 PM

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Adding PRD since the first question may be for them.

Sent from my EPA iPhone

On Jun 21, 2021, at 6:41 PM, Cyran, Carissa <Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello,

We received 3 follow-up questions from the Intercept reporter regarding the pesticide regulation questions/statements. I pulled together some language based on emails and additional text that wasn't included in the final response. **Can you please review and/or provide additional language to address the questions below by 10:00 am Wednesday?**

I will be out of the office, but Rhina (cc'd) will move this back to OPP IO and OCSPP IO for review. Thank you!

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Subject: OPS: Questions about pesticide regulation

Team, follow-up questions from Sharon. Thanks as always.

Hi Ken-

I have three follow-up questions:

When you say "Additionally, 12,056 pesticide products were cancelled during the Reregistration process," do you mean voluntarily cancelled - ie that the companies agreed not to reregister them? or involuntarily?

Re bifenthrin: you write that "The results from the special pharmacokinetic (PK) study support the use of an oral study to assess the carcinogenic potential of bifenthrin which would be protective of tumors following inhalation exposure." I am not sure what special pharmacokinetic (PK) study you are referring to. Did you mention this elsewhere in your response? Is this a reference to the subchronic inhalation study?

Re acetamiprid: I now understand that EPA never adopted the lower number - the 2.5 mg/kg day. So my question is: why wasn't Nguyen's memo considered or responded to in the file? Why didn't they change the number based on the statistical analysis of EPA's own statistician? If EPA believed his analysis to be incorrect, why wasn't there anything in the file correcting it?

Thanks,  
Sharon

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On Jun 17, 2021, at 4:16 PM, Labbe, Ken <[Labbe.Ken@epa.gov](mailto:Labbe.Ken@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Sharon, Please see our responses below:

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6. QUESTION: Are bonuses for OPP staff sometimes based or partially based on the number of pesticides registered or reregistered?

### **RESPONSE:**

EPA does not award bonuses to staff based on the number of pesticide registrations issued.

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